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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005-06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 937

Introduced by Assembly Member Wyland

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 19605.8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing. An act to add Section 51210.3 to the Education Code, relating to instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 937, as amended, Wyland. Horse racing: reimbursements. *Instruction: science.*

Existing law requires the adopted courses of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, to include, among other courses, a course in science, as specified.

This bill would authorize the governing board of a school district to designate a credentialed teacher as a science coach at each elementary school, or provide staff development to teachers, in order to develop, coordinate, and provide instruction in an experimental science curriculum, as specified, and coach other teachers in the provision of that curriculum.

Existing Horse Racing Law provides for the distribution of funds, commissions, and purses for thoroughbred meetings in various percentage amounts, to various persons and the association that conducts the racing meeting, as specified.

This bill would provide that in the event a racing association or fair is required to reimburse an audiovisual signal system organization for certain expenses, 1/2 of that reimbursement may be offset against the amount distributed as purses, pursuant to this provision.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51210.3 is added to the Education Code, 2 to read:

- 51210.3. (a) The governing board of a school district may designate a credentialed teacher at each elementary school as a science coach, or provide staff development to teachers, in order to accomplish the objectives described in subdivision (b), as determined by the governing board.
 - (b) The designated teacher shall do all of the following:
- (1) Develop, coordinate, and provide instruction in a science curriculum that incorporates experimentation. The curriculum shall be aligned to the California standards for investigation and experimentation, and be designed to develop all of the following:
 - (A) Understanding of basic scientific facts and principles.
 - (B) Mathematics skills.
- (C) Reading comprehension.
- (D) Analytical and intellectual skills required to pose and answer questions.
- (2) Act as a coach for other teachers at the school in the provision of a science curriculum based on experimentation.
- (c) This section does not preclude the assignment of duties to a science coach that are not listed in subdivision (b) and relate to developing, coordinating, and providing instruction in a science curriculum that incorporates experimentation.
- SECTION 1. Section 19605.8 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 19605.8. (a) For thoroughbred meetings, the funds remaining after distribution of the amounts set forth in Sections 19605.7, 19605.71, and 19605.72 shall be distributed 50 percent as commissions to the association that conducts the racing meeting and 50 percent as purses to the horsemen participating in the racing meeting. From the amount distributed as purses, a sum equal to 0.07 percent of the handle shall be held by the association to be deposited with the official registering agency pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 19617.2, and shall

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thereafter be distributed in accordance with subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) of Section 19617.2.

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(b) In the event that a racing association or racing fair is required to reimburse the organization described in Section 19608.2 for actual expenses incurred in excess of the 2 1/2 percent set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 19605.7 and subdivision (a) of Section 19605.71, one-half of such reimbursement may be offset against the amount distributed as purses under this section.